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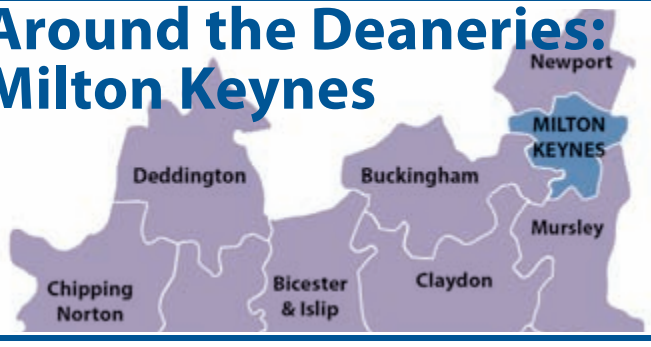

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UK hunger: a Church response

by *Jo Duckles*

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FOOD BANKS are seeing a massive rise in the number of clients relying on them for emergency food aid in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

That is just one of the findings of *999 Food*, a diocesan response to the increase in food poverty among the UK's most vulnerable people. Statistics cited in the report, written by Alison Webster, the Diocesan Social Responsibility Advisor, show that one in five working parents had to choose between paying an essential bill or putting food on the table.

Meanwhile sanctions on benefits are seeing more and more people relying on food banks. Quotes cited in the report include:

"A woman and her teenage son had left home due to domestic violence but are being located into temporary accommodation today. They are starting from nothing and waiting for benefits to come through." "Man and his partner, sanctioned from benefits for four weeks. No job, no home. Staying with relations or in a tent."

Alison launched the publication in front of volunteers and organisers of food banks from across the diocese at an event at High Wycombe's Arts4Every1 venue, supported by singer Ben Okafor and the One Can Trust - a food bank that is expanding to meet other social needs in the Wycombe area.

The event gave food bank volunteers from churches and other organisations the chance to hear each other's stories.

In Buckingham a food box at St Peter and St Paul's Church has grown into a food bank within three years. "In the last 18 months its really taken off and we've been given storage space in an industrial unit," said Cath McCabe, who was at the event with Mike Evans and Ruth Newell, who are all involved with the Buckingham Food Service.

Nancy Mafilo and Dave Nicks from Slough Food Bank,which started through a partnership between the Baptist Church and the Nigerian Church has seen an increase in demand. Nancy said: "We can feed people who come through our doors but it's sad that we have to. We fed nearly 4,000 people in the 12 months up to April. The previous year was 3,000 and the year before that was 1,500."

David Rooke, Director of the One Can Trust in Wycombe, described how the trust's brand was being used as One Can Hope, looking beyond the sticking plaster solution of food banks in the hope of addressing the underlying problems that make them necessary.

"It's focussed on the deprived areas of Wycombe," said David. "We are looking at the causes of child poverty. We can't sort that in three months but we hope that in three years we might make a difference.

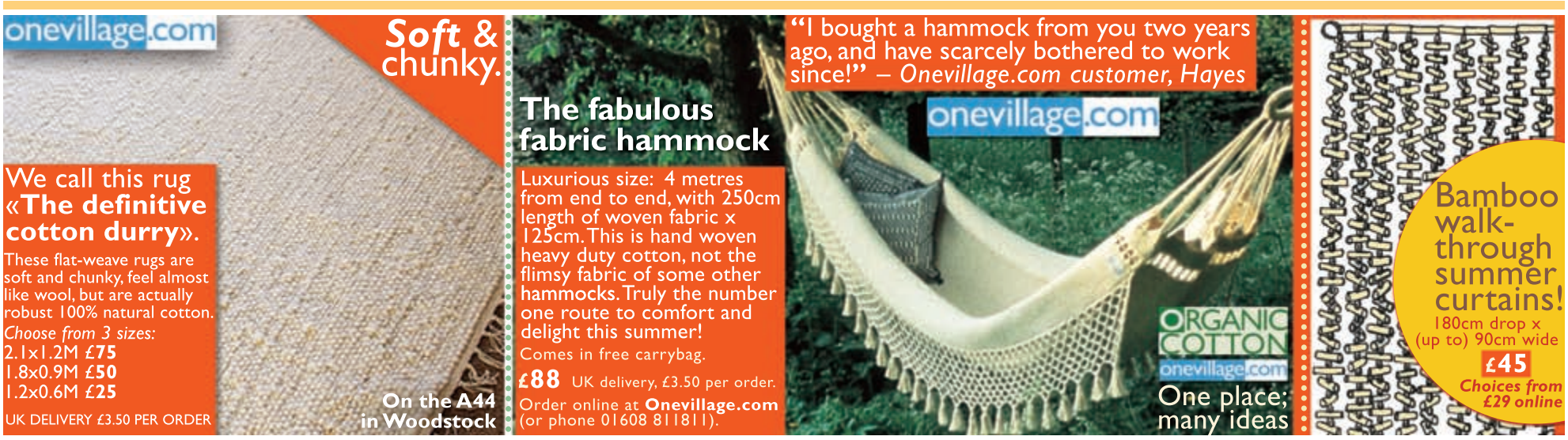
"One Can has already launched a Kingdom Cafe, reaching out to mothers and children in deprived areas and One Can Grow, utilising the gardening skills of the older generation with vegetable plots."

The Rt Revd John Pritchard, the Bishop of Oxford, who joined End Hunger Fast campaigner, the Revd Dr Keith Hebden, for a meeting with the Prime Minister, David Cameron, to press for an end to food poverty recently, was among the speakers at the *999 Food* launch.

Describing his meeting with David Cameron, Bishop John said he and Keith told the PM they wanted to follow up their meeting next March, to see what progress was being made on food poverty. "All Governments need to know there is a reckoning and that reckoning is us saying that something needs to be done," he said, praising *999 Food* for providing a snapshot of the food poverty situation in the Thames Valley.

On the website

Go to http://www.foodmatters.org.uk/999-food/ to download the publication.



Hundreds of people celebrate at 'Sharing the Journey'

by *Jo Duckles*

HUNDREDS of people attended 'Sharing the Journey', a celebration of 20 years of women priests, at Oxford's Cathedral at Christ Church on Saturday 7 June.

Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Chaplain to the Speaker in the House of Commons, urged women to listen to God's call and 'go for it' in an inspiring service during the thanksgiving at the Cathedral in the morning. The service, which featured dancing from Ballet Rambert, was followed by a panel discussion at St Mary the Virgin Church on High Street. The Panel was chaired by Canon Dr Judith Maltby. Speakers were Preb. Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Revd Caroline Symcox, the Bishop of Buckingham and Christina Rees. Discussion ended with the panel pointing out that the next Bishop of Oxford could potentially be a woman.

"It's been a celebration and we need to celebrate."

Speaking after the event the Revd Liz Johnson, one of the first women to be ordained whose daughter, Em Coley, is also a priest, said: "The highlight of the day was the inspiring preaching by Rose Hudson-Wilkin. I've also been moved by how much support we have from both men and women."

Bishops and speakers pose with the women who were ordained back in 1994. P***hoto: KT Bruce.***

The Revd Colin James of All Saints, Wokingham, said: "It's been a celebration and we need to celebrate. I have always felt very strongly that it was wrong not to accept the gifts God gives us. Men and women have something unique to contribute and not to allow women to be ordained was to throw God's gifts back in his face. I didn't allow myself to go for ordination until women were able to be ordained."

The Revd Dr Amanda Bloor, Diocesan Advisor for Women's Ministry, who organised the event, said: "I feel the day has gone brilliantly. It's good to see a range of people looking back and remembering but also looking forward to what will happen in the future."

150 years of faith in Wokingham Without

THE Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Andrew Proud, began celebrations at St Sebastian's Church on Pentecost Sunday as he rang the bell in the church's new bell tower, at the beginning of their 150th Anniversary Service. Pentecost is traditionally celebrated as the birthday of the church and in 2014 the festival came 150 years after the church's foundation stone was laid on 31st May 1864.

Speaking about how and why the church was founded, Bishop Andrew said: "Your history is of a parish, founded on Jesus, deliberately on and at the edge, formed for mission, to celebrate passion and courage." St Sebastian's is the Parish Church of Wokingham Without, which was once a corner of Windsor Great Forest, where people known as Broomdashers lived and worked, making brooms in the local woodland.

Major and Mrs Sawyer founded St Sebastian's Mission here, which evolved into the church we know today. Now serving a parish of around 9,000 people, St Sebastian's is a vibrant community of faith, with members spanning the generations.

On the site there is now a Primary School, Parish Centre and Pre-School. As a church they offer a variety of services and worship styles, including

contemporary worship and traditional hymns.

The Revd Andrew Marsden, the Vicar, says: "St Sebastian's Church was founded in order to bring the love of Jesus to the local community, and we hope to do the same today."

The Revd David McLeod, Associate Minister, says: "As a church family, celebrating our 150th birthday, we are looking at how we can serve the needs of the local community both now and for many years to come". A service for the whole community, celebrating the consecration of the church in December 1864, will be held on Sunday 7 December 2014.

Picture by Roger Holdsworth

Celebrating the international Church

Above, a band leads worship, below, Aftab preaches. ***Photos: Jo Duckles***

MEMBERS of Oxford's international churches joined forces for a joint service at St Clement's Church on Pentecost Sunday.

The Revd Aftab Gohar, who lost half his family in an attack on a church in Peshawar, preached. It was the first time for the joint service, which saw members of Chinese, Pakistani, Iranian, and other nationalities get together with British Christians for the event.

Candles were lit as part of the event and members of the churches sang worship songs and read out Bible passages in their own languages.

World Mission photo competition

TIME is running out to enter the Partners in World Mission Photographic competition.

All church members in the Oxford Diocese are welcome to enter photos depicting mission links around the world. Send your pictures to Miss J Walker, 1 Birdhill Avenue, Reading, RG2 7JT or joanwalker@birdhill.freeserve.co.uk or Mr A Boyd, Brunknetts Cottage, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence, Reading, RG10 0HE, by 1 August. High resolution photos are preferred and for each picture you should include your name, address and telephone number for the person submitting, the person/church with the link, the church/mission with which it is linked and up to 50 words of description, including where and when it was taken.

Collation of the new Archdeacon

THE Revd Canon Judy French was collated as the first ever Archdeacon of Dorchester in a special service at Christ Church Cathedral on 19 June. Archdeacon Judy is now responsible for the Dorchester Archdeaconry.

The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester, said, of the Ven. Hedley Ringrose who has been interim Archdeacon since 2011: "I extend my thanks to Hedley for all the experience and support he has brought to the Dorchester Area over the last three years."

Sowing the seeds for better mental health

by *Jo Duckles*

FOR Charlie Powell horticulture provided a welcome respite from the hectic world of PR and advertising she used to work in.

So Charlie (pictured right chatting to Bishop Alan) who worships at St Mary's, Wendover, retrained as a gardener, and with Sian Chattle, who also worships at St Mary's, is launching Lindengate, a start-up charity aiming to support people with mental health problems, through nature and horticulture.

Sian met Charlie in the music group at St Mary's and they have been friends for years. After becoming an Eco Schools Ambassador at Wendover Junior School, and 30 years in teaching, Sian was looking for a new challenge. Her Eco School work included planting a wildflower meadow, orchard, woodland and vegetable beds.

"Eco Club was particularly good for children who weren't brilliant academically and often had behavioural problems. Gardening was something they could succeed at," she says. "My son is 26 and has Asperger's. Once he became an adult, and entered the adult system, there was a complete lack of resources. There is definitely a need for more provision for people like him."

Lindengate will be open in mid September, on land next to the World's End Garden Centre in Wendover. Charlie and Sian are hoping to launch training programmes as well as therapeutic gardening to clients, who will be referred to as 'gardeners' rather than service users. Large polytunnels will ensure that gardening can take place in all weathers and throughout the year.

The land to be transformed into Lindengate's gardens. ***Photo: Lindengate.***

The project impressed the Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt Revd Alan Wilson, so much that he offered to become the charity's first patron, and opened up his garden for a garden party complete with a hog roast, entertainment and a raffle, which raised £1,000 for the charity.

Charlie was quick to point to statistics that demonstrate the need for help for those with mental health problems. "12.1 per cent of the population (61,200 people) in Buckinghamshire, suffer from clinically acknowledged depression. It's not just the prevail of the less fortunate. We are on the London commuter belt and a lot of people are in highly pressured jobs," she says.

"I wanted to provide something that I had experienced. All my life gardening has provided me with an outlet that no NHS clinical provision has managed to. When I was working in advertising and PR I couldn't find enough time to spend in the garden and feel its benefits. The NHS is great and staff work hard to provide a first stage intervention, but they don't have the resources for non-clinical therapies."

Lindengate's branding and business plan, from the logo, leaflets, website and uniform demonstrates a high level of planning and professionalism. Charlie says: "We have put strategic planning in place and drawn on the experience of people who have been doing this for decades."

Lindengate have now secured five acres of land and have managed to raise 80 per cent of the £80,000 they need for their projects. "We have been overwhelmed by the support," Charlie added.

Lindengate is looking for volunteers who can dig into their time and help create its garden and the charity is still fundraising. Contact info@lindengate.org.uk, 07837 239328. Special open days when the public are invited to dig are Monday 7 July, 6pm to 8pm, Saturday 12 July 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday 16 July 6pm to 8pm. Bring gardening gear, gloves and wear long trousers. Refreshments and food will be provided.

For more see www.lindengate.org.uk.

Return of church bells after 25 year silence

VILLAGERS celebrated the return of their historic church bells at a rededication service at St Etheldreda's, Horley, in Oxfordshire in June.

The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester, led the service, where the Revd Dr Hugh White was licensed as a House for Duty Associate Priest in the Ironstone Benefice.

Cast by Bagley's of Chacombe in 1706 the four bells had marked Sunday worship and special events for almost 300 years when they were declared unsafe 25 years ago. Work was carried out this winter and they were ready for a new team of ringers to try them out in March.

Child poverty on your doorstep

The plight of children and young people in Oxfordshire is an issue close to many people's hearts.

The Doorsteps Conference this September is an opportunity for church leaders, children's, youth and family workers, safeguarding officers and leaders of local organisations to share and learn with each other. Doorsteps is on Saturday 27 September at CMS House, Watlington Road, Oxford. The main event is from 10am-4pm, with registration from 9am. Organisations represented include CMS, CCPAS, PACT and Adventure Plus. Register at viva.org/doorsteps.

Throughout 2014, Viva is mapping how Oxfordshire churches are engaging with children and vulnerable families. To take part in this research contact k.thompson@viva.org

10 years of breakfast at St George's

CHOCOLATE muffins served to four or five people marked the start of Saturday Breakfast at St George's, Wolverton in Buckinghamshire a decade ago.

Serving up breakfast are volunteers Richard, Gillian, David and Fiona. ***Photo: St Georges, Wolverton.***

Since then the event has evolved into a three course feast starting with porridge or a pancake, moving to a full English breakfast and finishing with a pastry or croissant, washed down with fairtrade coffee and orange juice. Breakfast happens every week, and if Christmas Day happens to fall on a Saturday, it will go ahead with pork pie served as a festive treat. The event is run by church member Stephen Mott and a group of volunteers. Stephen said: "Breakfast is now part of our commitment to relieving poverty, hunger and isolation in Milton Keynes and is where we distribute food parcels as part of the Milton Keynes Food Bank."

Usually around 40 people attend, with some weeks as many as 60 turning up. "We never know how many people will come," says Stephen, who works with volunteers preparing the food and clearing up afterwards. Everyone is welcome with churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike joining in. The highlight for me is the fact that it is still going and growing. Even though numbers might drop from one week to the next the overall picture is of steady growth."

Julie Reeves, who has been coming to breakfast for the past year, says: "I like coming because it's a safe place to meet others and socialise, and my kids get to play with other kids. I leave here refreshed, knowing the kids are fed and there is no need to worry. I don't socialise much in the week as I am worried about new places, but I feel safe coming here. Everyone needs a safe place to go to, even if it is just for a chat and a coffee. I know that every Saturday we have had a meal to start off the day. I feel energised by meeting other people: I call them my little family."

For more stories from the Milton Keynes Deanery turn to page seven.

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World War One commemorations

RESOURCES are available for churches planning First World War Centenary Commemorations.

The national commemoration is shaped around themes of remembrance, youth and education, allowing local communities to tell their own stories about why remembering matters, honouring bravery and sacrifice and the impact on the development of Britain.

The role of the Allies and the Commonwealth, local connections and contributions to the war as well as reconciliation in today's world will also be among the themes.

For more see www.oxford.anglican.org/firstworldwar

A VIGIL of music, readings and prayers in commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War takes place at Christ Church Cathedral on Monday 4 August. Throughout Sunday 3 and Monday 4 August the Cathedral Porch and Chapel of Remembrance will be set aside for the lighting of candles. At 7.35am on the Monday there will be a Eucharist of Remembrance.

Raymond Blanc shows children how to eat well

CELEBRITY chef Raymond Blanc was set to be the top speaker at an event at a food conference at St Mary's CE School, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire in June.

Raymond will be returning to the school after his first visit in January when, after demonstrating to pupils how to cook simple food with fresh ingredients, he took 10 children into the new Eco Lodge for a go at creating a Mice in Mayonnaise dish. He was accompanied by his son, Olivier Blanc and actress Charlotte Salt (Dr Sam Nicholls in Casualty) to launch Henri le Worm, an app that encourages children to discover more about food, ingredients and nature.

In June, as *the Door* was going to press, he was to be joined by nutritionist Amanda Ursell, Chair of the National Obesity Forum Tam Fry, Blue Peter Gardener Chris Collins and Juliane Noble from the Jamie Oliver Foundation for the conference.

Headteacher, Karen Collett, is bidding for funding to improve her school kitchen as she aims to find a healthy solution to a Government initiative stipulating the return of free school meals from September. Karen, who also has a school garden where food is grown, was frustrated by the way St Mary's, like many other schools, do not have an adequate kitchen and does not want to serve up mass produced, airline style meals. "I've become a bit of a spokesperson for Buckinghamshire schools on this.

"I'm bidding for funds for a kitchen, with food education coming back onto the curriculum, for teaching children about cooking and for producing healthy food."

In her bid for funding she says: "We are committed to making a difference and believe that if children learn to eat well, they will eat well as adults. We also believe that children who eat well learn well."

Photo: Paul Wilkinson Photography

On the website

For more see http://haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk. Also see henrileworm.com

No Place to Belong
Ann Warren
Moorleys £8.50

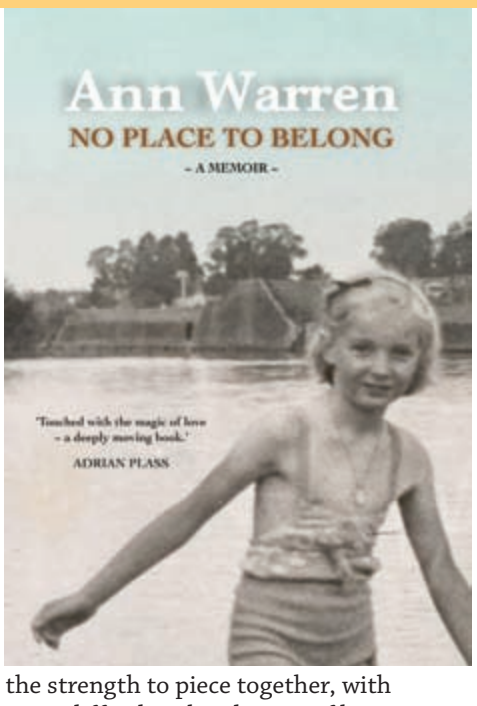
by *Anne Lee*

In recent years national press have had frequent reports of abuse, about perpetrators and survivors. This book is the story of a survivor of emotional abuse.

The story is told bravely, with passion, but never self-pity; it is a story we need to hear. Following the death of both her parents within a year of each other, when Ann was seven, she went to live with relatives but within a short time was adopted. No preparation for bereavement, no support within it, she went to live with a couple who effectively erased her first seven years and separated her from her birth family. The story we need to hear is how Ann tried to tell people, her social worker, teachers about what was happening to her but nobody listened. Nobody heard what she was trying to say and attempted to intervene.

The damaged child grew up into a damaged adolescent and adult. At university Ann began to find her voice, but as she documents so well she made some bad choices and the cycle of abuse continued. But then the story changes. She meets some Christians. Through friendships with them and discovering for herself the reality of faith, she starts on the long journey to wholeness.

But the damage of trauma runs deep and life for the survivor is never easy. Ann's story takes her to India and to Papua New Guinea, to the birth of three daughters and the early death of her husband. Most importantly she is given



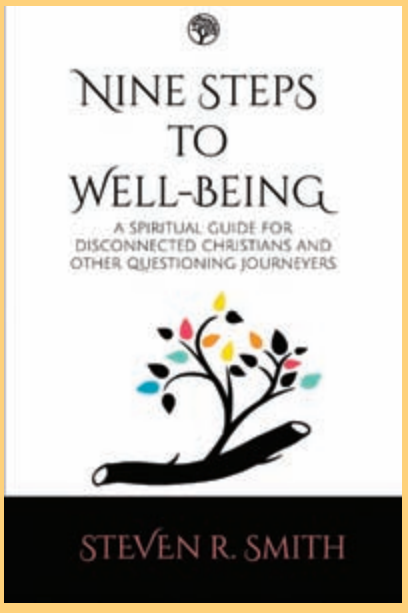
the strength to piece together, with great difficulty, the identity of her birth family and to find them, in South Africa and Australia as well as in England. It is this finding which changes the story from one of sadness to one of healing and wholeness. I won't spoil it by revealing the ending, but I do implore you to read it. It is deeply moving and inspiring. We need to hear stories like Ann's if we are ever to understand how we in the Church should respond to abused children, and how we should listen to these children. Members of safeguarding groups throughout the Church should read this book. We need to learn from it.

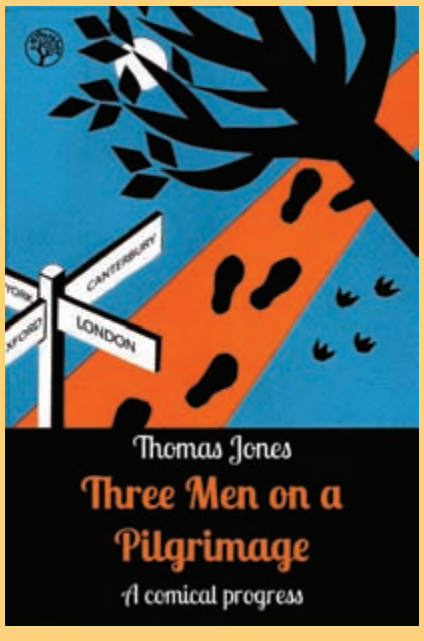
Anne Lee is a member of the Oxford Diocese's Safeguarding Children Steering Group.

Win prizes in our double book giveaway

THE Door is running two prize draws for two brand new books in this edition. *Nine Steps to Well-Being, A Spiritual Guide for Disconnected Christians* and *Three Men on a Pilgrimage, A Comical Progress.*

Nine Steps to Well-Being, by Steven R Smith, is an account of how Professor Smith feels uncomfortable identifying with the Church and the wider world, because of his persistent questioning and restlessness. Through personal story-telling alongside his theological reflections, he explores how this state of disconnection, as he calls it, is commonly experienced but can lead to our both struggling with and being profoundly blessed by God.





In Three Men on a Pilgrimage, Thomas Jones explores aspects of Christian faith through the eyes of three friends who become bothered by their sinful ways and decide to do something about it while they still can. They each have their own opinion about what being a Christian means, but together the journey strengthens their faith and their bond with each other.

For the chance to win two copies of each of the books, send your entry with your name and address to either Three Men Competition, or Nine Steps Competition, The Door, Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford, OX2 0NB, to reach us no later than Friday 1 August.

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Around the Deaneries - Milton Keynes

MILTON Keynes is a deanery with a difference. The Anglican deanery that is part of the Diocese of Oxford is involved in a number of ecumenical partnerships and its centre, Christ the Cornerstone Church, right in the middle of the city, is shared by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Revd Tim Norwood, Area Dean, (pictured right) puts people at the centre of what he does, regularly arranging informal gatherings of five or six people, including Anglican ministers, ecumenical partners, chaplains and others. He says: "People can all share properly and conversation can often be deep. We keep it to about five or six people who can get to know each other better. They often talk with each other about what they are doing, what they might be able to work together on and what they can learn about a particular issue. I wish I had done this years ago."

Capacity building

The deanery works with ecumenical partners through an organisation called the Mission Partnership. The partnership has been through a lot of changes recently and is now concentrating on bringing churches together for mission. One key ecumenical priority is capacity building

"The Mission Partnership recognises that churches need a bit of support if they are to grow and develop. The website has been redeveloped. A new approach to adult learning has been introduced under the name CoMPass which is proving popular. We are also working on a leadership development programme for ministers from all denominations modelled on the servant leadership course that Keith Lamdin used when he was in Oxford. We asked him for advice on it, took some of his ideas and we are now setting up our own programme," says Tim.

Prayer Cycle

A new multi platform prayer cycle will involve booklets, leaflets, with reflections and readings on the website, Facebook and Twitter. The prayers are set up in advance using an automated system. See MKPrayer.net.

Mission

Tim says: "Mission only really works if it's done in partnership. One of the big parts of our work is currently with ChurchAds.Net for Christmas. We have been told that we are the best area in the country in terms of the number of churches involved and the money we raise." ChurchAds.Net are the organisation behind the Christmas Starts with Christ campaign which raises funds for a variety of posters and adverts, billboards, television and the radio to raise awareness of the true meaning of Christmas. "Last year our area raised more than £3,500. One of the things we are talking about is how to expand that."

For more see mkchurches.co.uk – originally set up to advertise Christmas campaigns but now with a renewed emphasis on church events throughout the year. One event being advertised was Making Waves with Ali Burnett – a day of media training.

"A lot of churches have a long way to go in terms of how to use media effectively and it is one of those things that builds over time," says Tim.

Vital statistics:

Area Dean: Tim Norwood
Lay Chair: David Thorn
Churches: 30
Number of Benefices: 10

A Church without walls

THE Revd Ruth Maxey left her role as Chaplain at Keele University to become a Pioneer Minister working ecumenically on the Broughton and Brooklands area of Milton Keynes. It is an area with around 2,800 relatively new homes and where new developments are expected to see another 3,000 built.

Ruth's home is provided by the Oxford Diocese and her stipend paid by the United Reformed Church and her work is supported by an ecumenical partnership comprising one Catholic and three Anglican/free church congregations.

Ruth, a URC minister, has established an emerging community Church Without Walls with a monthly Café Church at the pub attracting around 40 people, a fortnightly contemplative prayer group and a new monthly meeting, Eat, Pray, Chat. The Easter Sunday service in a medieval church Ruth occasionally uses attracted more than 100 people.

Ruth says: "At the heart is the fact that I am the community minister not just the leader of Church without Walls. I did not arrive on the estate and start a church, I arrived and began to get to know the community, to meet people where they were and build up relationships. I did that through going to 'events' (coffee mornings at the local community centre, parent and toddler groups at the school, attending Parish Council meetings). I also, crucially, used my own natural networks; I am a mum with a nine-year-old daughter. The school pick-up and PTA meetings were all places to build relationships." With two teenage sons on the autistic spectrum,

Ruth is also getting to know other parents with special needs children.

"From all those connections I am now helping organise summer events for families with special needs children at the local community centre and I helped get a youth club for ASD kids set-up by the Youth Service in the area," says Ruth, who tries where possible to respond to people's ideas. One of these was for Open Houses throughout Advent to bring the community together. After the Philippines disaster Ruth organised a fund raising event, a hustings event for the elections and a Big Lunch food sharing event.

On the website

For more see www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk

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SUNDAY Night Live is a Christian outreach phenomenon that has been running since 2009 and has, so far, brought the message of Christ to 250,000 people across the nation.

Churches Together in Bletchley, which includes St Mary's Church, launched its own Sunday Night Live in May at the Starbucks Café at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

A live band performs and a brief interview provides a Christian message of inspiration and hope.

Kathy Smith, from St Mary's, said: "The first evening was a great start. The Café was bustling and the manager was delighted. The band was great and even managed to get some audience participation."

The event takes place on the third Sunday of every month and the next one will take place on Sunday 20 July. ***Photo Ricky Rew***

For more see www.sundaynightlive.org.uk/host_page/snl-bletchley/

Connecting with Kim

The Revd Carol Starkey came to England from South Africa to see the parishes that are linking with our partner Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman. *The Door* finds out more.

by *Jo Duckles*

THE link between St Mary's, Hitcham in Buckinghamshire and St Mary Magdalene in Ritchie in K&K, is based on the two communities getting to know each other and developing relationships.

Geoff Day, who took over leadership of the Link Group in Hitcham last year, said the basis of a successful link is getting to know not only the other parish's geographical, community and social setting, but particularly the members of each other's congregation.

He added: "A link is not just about visits and the provision of financial support – the foundation of any link is the exchange of prayers, information and consultation."

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Ritchie is a township of some 20,000 people situated 25 miles from Kimberley, in the North Cape Province. The link with Hitcham was created in 1995 following an initiative by the then Vicar, the Revd Tom Hewson.

Geoff said: "Thanks to the hard work of the members of our group steadfastly led initially by the Revd Rosie Hewson and followed by Sandra Boothroyd and Sonia Hart, our link has been successful in surviving the distance between the two parishes and the subsequent difficulties in communication."

The main focus of the link has been friendship and prayer support, with the Mothers' Union, Sunday School and Men's group being continually in their prayers. Projects have included the purchase and renovation of a Rectory in Ritchie, a soup kitchen, an HIV/AIDS Clinic, a school for disabled children and a five-day children's club with worship, teaching, sport, drama and craft.

The Northern Cape and North-West Province economies are relatively poor and morale can be low as can the number of stipendiary clergy. Ritchie has suffered from lack of clergy over this period but last year Father Verwant was installed as Vicar of St Mary Magdalene.

Last September the Church in Ritchie was vandalized, and everything except furniture was either damaged or stolen including crosses, candle holders, Communion Chalice and paten and clergy vestments. Geoff says: "From our funds we sent a donation to assist them with the replacement of altar and communion furnishings at St Mary Magdalene and our PCC have agreed to send them sets of spare vestments which we have not used for many years."

St John the Baptist, Moulsford and Huhudi

During her visit Carol visited Moulsford, in Oxfordshire, where she was given a tour of St John the Baptist Church, which has been newly re-ordered, before hearing about the successful link between the two communities and how the congregation are supporting five families in Huhudi in K&K with blankets, food and clothing.

The Revd Andrew Petit, from Moulsford, and the Revd Boikanyo Tong, from Huhudi, have a statement on the Living Faith WorldWide website: "We, the above, rejoicing in our unity as brothers and sisters in the Lord, wish to encourage each other in the work of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and building the kingdom of God in our communities. We wish to grow together in understanding and love and to learn from each other about our calling, our vision and the challenges that face us. We will seek to achieve this by: regular communication and, where possible, personal visits, the giving and receiving of practical and spiritual support, the assurance of our love and prayers. We will monitor actions taken within this agreement annually and review it every four years."

Janet and Breyon Knowles first went out to Huhudi in 2007, after Janet retired from her job at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital. They met the locals who took them to the church and a tour of the community.

Janet said: "We have put aside 10 per cent of all our income for outreach. Five per cent is spent locally and five per cent goes to Huhudi."

The Newbury Deanery and Batlharos

The Hermitage Team has had links with Batlharos since 2007. Chair of the Link Committee, Wendy Willoughby-Paul, said 16 people went out to tour K&K and were taken with Batlharos. Since then small groups have been out to K&K four times, staying in the village. "It is a very large and spread out area, not like our idea of a village," says Wendy. "We have stayed with them, gone with the priests visiting the sick and were there in 2012 for their centenary celebrations."

In 2011 a group of Batlharos residents were treated to a trip to the Newbury Deanery, which included a visit to London, a trip down a canal and Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford - their favourite place.

The parish to parish link is with St Michael and All Angels in the Northern Cape and the Newbury Deanery. Carol had visited Hermitage on her second day in the UK. "She joined in worship and said a few words which was lovely."

It is important to note that the link is a two-way project. Wendy explained that while they help people in Batlharos by giving materially, the Batlharos community helps the Newbury Deanery as their way of worshipping rubs off on those who visit.

"It just brings tears to your eyes to see the joy on their faces."

"We raise money here and have bought them a sewing machine that allows them to make things to sell. They have made bags, quilt covers, pillow cases and little trinket things that help them become self sufficient. We have also given money towards a fence for the church garden and air conditioning for the church, which has made such a difference for them. They have started growing vegetables and without the fence the goats get in and eat the produce."

Wendy described the joy of giving small presents to the Batlharos children. "We visited one or two schools and gave out balloons. It is wonderful to see how pleased they are when you hand them out. We also take little bouncy balls, which they love. They are things they wouldn't usually get. It just brings tears to your eyes to see the joy on their faces."

From Left, churchwarden, Jill Atkins, Breyon Knowles, Carol Starkey, the Revd Derreck Lee-Philpot and churchwarden Janet Knowles, showing off a stole made for Moulsford by people from Huhudi. *Photo Jo Duckles*

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berley and Kuruman

Carol's visit to parish links in the Oxford Diocese may have marked her first time in the UK, but its only the latest expression of her commitment to seeing the Church look outwards. She told Maranda St John Nicolle her story.

Carol is pictured in Mmabatho. Below left Carol's sister Gloria, who runs Hope for the Living in Roodepan, which is twinned with Thame. Below the High Altar at Kimberley Cathedral. ***Photos Maranda St John Nicolle.***

Carol was born in Kimberley. Her father worked for the municipality, and her mother cared for Carol and her siblings. In the apartheid-era laws meant that the family had to relocate to the city centre. Carol's family continued to worship at the cathedral, a place which has been a key part of her faith journey. "I was baptised there, I was confirmed there, and I got married in the cathedral. So when I went back as a priest, I said to Dean Brian, 'I'm only just coming home. The cathedral church to me is where my foundation was actually laid."

Two priests had a particular influence: Father Pullen, who prepared her for confirmation and Bishop Crowther, whose outspoken criticism of apartheid led to his deportation. "We went to the airport when Bishop Crowther was deported and the police visibility was so huge there," says Carol. An administrator by training – she worked for twenty years at a school and then for Farm Africa - she also became a Sunday School teacher, assisted in preparations for confirmation, and helped with baptism. Eventually, she became a lay minister, involved in visiting parishioners.

One woman who was HIV positive, inspired Carol to look in a new direction: "She was really open about speaking about her status ... and I just loved working with this type of person, and I thought that this is what I want to do as part of my ministry in the church as well." St Francis had – and still has - a groundbreaking programme called Hope for the Living, supporting people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Carol became involved with the caregivers and the spiritual side of the programme.

When a long-term sense of vocation led, after much prayer and waiting, to ordination, Carol's gifts of administration and love of outreach found new scope. Starting as an assistant priest in the cathedral, she was given a role helping to engage more with the diocese and the wider world, something which at times could be a challenge. "That's not just a cathedral issue," she adds: "in some parishes it's the same thing, we just look inward and that is a major thing that we need to change. Once we're outward looking, we will see the needs of not only of our immediate congregation but the community around the church, and we will be able to minister to them, so that they can actually see the loving Lord."

> *"We can help each other grow spiritually, I think, by just connecting.."*

Carol's cathedral ministry involved being a school chaplain, a chaplain to Kimberley's main hospital, which is just down the road from the cathedral precincts, and diocesan coordinator for HIV and AIDS. She saw her work as taking the church to people who weren't sure that they belonged: " I think sometimes people think they are so alone in the world, and they need to know that they can come through the door of the church and we are there for them."

Elected to the Link Committee shortly after ordination and elected as Chair in 2012, Carol sees her link work as another way of helping people widen their horizons and share God's love : "The basic thing with the Link is actually to learn that we are not just in our own diocese, we're in a wider Anglican Communion, where we have brothers and sisters all over the world." It's vitally important, she feels to learn from different cultures, to share our challenges, to pray and learn from each other. "We can help each other grow spiritually, I think, by just connecting," she says.

Oxford parishes have given financial help to their links, and Carol expresses her and the congregations' gratitude for that. "It's amazing," she says," to see the passion people feel about helping their partners." But at the same time, she's adamant that the Link isn't just about money. It's a partnership, not an aid relationship.

"We want to say, 'We'll have a link: will you pray for these challenges that we encounter here on this side.' And see how it develops, so pray for each other and just know that our brothers and sisters are there; we can talk to them." She found it helpful to visit the Oxford Diocese to understand the challenges that face us and so that she can pray, and encourage others, to pray for us.

What was it that struck her the most about her visit? "The hospitality of everybody, their passion, and how they feel about their own immediate parishes really touched me. You can feel these are really people of faith, and they are involved with their own community. And it's so good because that is why they can become involved further away. That's outward looking. The fellowship all round was great and the love of Christ was felt all round. Thanks too from Bishop Oswald to the Link Committee and all link parishes."

Maranda St John Nicolle is the Diocesan World Development Advisor.

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Pack your hampers for a Grand Day Out

by *Sarah Meyrick*

PLANNING is in full swing for the Grand Day Out in central Oxford on 20 September.

Originally planned as the third of the three 'Imagining faith' events for 2014, the day has an extra special element as it is now the chance for the diocesan family to say goodbye to Bishop John as he retires after seven years of ministry here.

"There's a mix of worship, talks and activities and we hope there's something for everyone," says Canon Michael Beasley, Director of Mission, who chairs the planning group. "It's going to be enriching and it's going to be fun. We're aiming for a 'Grand Day Out' for the whole church family, young and old."

The day takes place in central Oxford, in a number of different venues in and around our Cathedral. All of them are in easy reach of Park and Ride drop offs. But the main gathering point will be Christ Church Meadow, where (weather permitting) there will be acts of worship at the beginning and end of the day, and a picnic at lunchtime complete with a brass band.

Imagining faith ...

"I'm absolutely delighted that so many first class speakers have accepted our invitation. They've all been asked to reflect on the theme of 'imagination' and I know they will be fascinating, challenging and inspiring," says Michael.

"At the same time there are activities for families and young people, including Messy Fiesta, geocaching and an event for people with learning disabilities – and for those who prefer to dip in and dip out, there's our 'Living the Difference' café.

"The whole day culminates in our open air Eucharist when we'll give thanks for Bishop John's ministry among us and celebrate as a diocesan family as we think about our onward journey."

"I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Grand Day Out or on the Thames Pilgrimage..."

"Do come," says Bishop John. "I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Grand Day Out or on the Thames Pilgrimage so that I can say goodbye and thank you for travelling with me over the last seven years."

Michael is encouraging parishes to travel together. "I know some parishes have already booked coaches, and I'd encourage those who haven't done so yet to consider doing so. And do book your tickets to hear the speakers – they will disappear fast!"

There is no charge for attending the Grand Day Out, but most of the events are ticketed, and seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All the details are online at www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout or phone Sheila Townsend on 01865 208277.

Groups picnic while crowds enjoy the sunshine on the idyllic Christ Church Meadow. ***Photo Ralph Williamson.***

Programme:

10.00 Gather for prayer in Christ Church Meadow* (30 minutes)
11.00 Workshops, speakers and activities
12.30 Picnic on Christ Church Meadow* (bring your own)
14.00 Workshops, speakers and activities
15.30 Open air worship on Christ Church Meadow*
**Wet weather alternatives will be available if necessary.*

Speakers:

Morning (11.00)

- TV cook Mary Berry discusses her autobiography 'Recipe for Life' with Bishop John
- Matt Bird of The Cinnamon Network on changing our world through community engagement
- Marian Partington, whose sister Lucy died at the hands of Fred West, on forgiveness
- Fr James Hanvey brings the riches of the Jesuit tradition to questions of discernment
- Nanotechnologist Andrew Briggs on how science can strengthen faith
- Architect and academic Allan Doig on the stories our church buildings tell us.

Afternoon (14.00)

- Ceramicist Emma Bridgewater and artist Matthew Rice on running a family business
- CEO of World Vision Justin Byworth on the challenges of thinking internationally
- The Archbishop of Canterbury's Director of Reconciliation David Porter on 'disagreeing well'
- Forensic Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist Gwen Adshead on walking alongside others
- Activist Ruth Valerio on the challenge of living lightly.

Activities:

- Messy Fiesta – an action-packed programme for families, especially aimed at pre-school, infant and primary aged children with their parent or carer
- Geocaching Discover hidden Oxford with the help of GPS
- Living the Difference café - Drop in and discuss how faith makes a difference
- Imagining faith through songs, prayer, drama and other activities for people with learning disabilities
- Stop! Enjoy! See! Pray! A short pilgrimage route around Christ Church Meadow.

More details of activities and speakers (including Martyn Percy and Andy Gosler) are being added all the time. Please check the website, **www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout** regularly and register for news and updates.

There will be special liturgical resources available for churches to use to continue the celebrations on the Sunday.

The Thames Pilgrimage

The Grand Day Out takes place part way through the Thames Pilgrimage (18-28 September) when Bishop John and others will be launching the new Thames Pilgrim Way.

Join in an optional short pilgrimage (three miles) from St Margaret's Binsey to Oxford's Cathedral at Christ Church, beginning with Morning Prayer at 0700, leaving Binsey at 0730. To find out more about the Thames Pilgrimage, see www.oxford.anglican.org/pilgrimage or contact the Revd Graham Sykes (email: graham.sykes@oxford.anglican.org Tel: 01865 208221).

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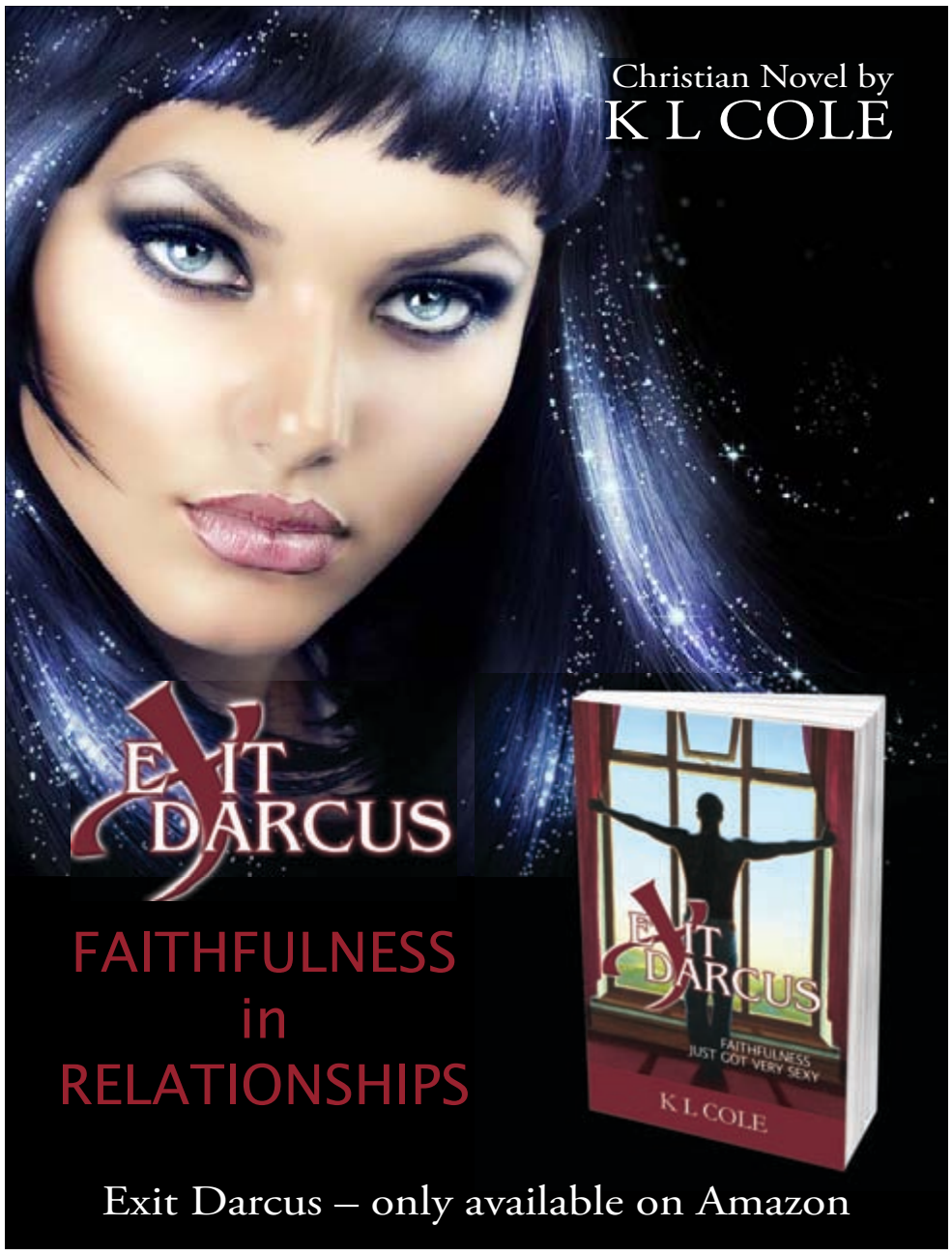
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There is a plea in many other countries in the rest of the world for good, well balanced education with greater understanding of others world view, as without this, young people are being barraged by ideas and philosophies which actively encourage violence and hatred - the abduction of children into military units; young girls sold into slavery; racism, suspicion and fear.

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Is a youth group the answer?

by Ian MacDonald

Many churches talk about the 'glory days' when there was a Church Youth Group, and mourn its absence now, wishing that a regular youth group would arise phoenix-like in the church rooms once more.

But a youth group is not necessarily the answer. Why not? Well, thinking that this is THE WAY we work with young people can stifle creativity, and cause us to miss opportunities to be a blessing to young people; to share life, faith and community with them. Specifically:

All churches can and should be a blessing to young people welcoming them into the life, community and mission of the church. It may only be one or two but that's still fantastic for those young people ... and key to the life and learning of the church. Regretting the absence of a youth group may stop you being intentional about engaging with the young people that you do not know.

A study by the Fuller Youth Institute discovered that the young people whose faith journeyed with them into college, university and work, were the ones who had good relationships with different generations in the church, not just in a youth group.

Young People learn more about faith, worship, mission and meaning from what they observe than what they are taught. Keeping them separate limits their opportunities to see and do faith, to have a larger encounter with God and the community.

"How can we be a blessing to young people?"

In rural areas, small churches will struggle to have enough volunteers to run a regular youth group. They can however run great activity days or trips, or have a more intergenerational approach to events in the village(s).

As the Youth Adviser I am employed in the Diocese to support churches engaging with young people and being a blessing to them. I am happy to visit parishes or deaneries and help churches to think afresh about their approach to teenagers. Tools such as the "Youth and Child Friendly" award can help churches look at the welcome they extend to young people.

The question needs to be, "How can we be a blessing to young people?" rather than "How can we run a Youth Group?"

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Who is trampled by softening our carbon footprint?

I would like to air an issue that has troubled me for some time. Churches are encouraged to reduce their 'carbon footprint'. This is right and proper. But do we think enough about how best to do it and who bears the costs?

One of the carrots for investing in renewable energy technologies is the access to income from the subsidies under Government schemes, for example the feed-in tariff for solar panels and the renewable heat incentive for biomass boilers and heat pumps. These pay the user for every unit of 'renewable' energy generated. The subsidies are there to encourage wider use of technologies that can make a difference, but are currently uneconomic, with the hope that with wider use they will become more viable. There is nothing wrong with that – it is the basis for funding most research and development. There are technical and other issues that can question the value of this policy in cases where the UK is not ideally placed for using intermittent sources like wind and sun, but that is not what I want to raise.

Where does the money for these subsidies come from? It does not come from general taxation, which on the whole would place the burden on those most able to pay. It comes from a levy on everyone's utility bills. That burden falls disproportionately on people whose utility bills form a large part of their income – mainly these are the less well off members of our society. To put it bluntly, if we feel a warm glow of satisfaction from getting paid 'by the Government' for 'going green', a cold wind blows on our poorer neighbours. Is this right? Is it scriptural? Does it bother anyone?

Dr Tony Hughes, Churchwarden, St Matthew's, Harwell.

Excellent work

Thank you for your excellent work on the audio version of the DOOR which I find both informative as well as enjoyable, keeping me alongside my fellow readers in my church and often ahead of them as in the May issue where I informed them of Peter Foot's article on the archaeological dig and the reburial of the 341 bodies. The person delivering the print copies had been on holiday. It's nice to be in the know and often bringing items to the notice of non readers.

Lyn Oliver, Faringdon.

Competition winners

The winners of last month's competitions are: Angela Arnold from Kidlington; Mary Mullett from High Wycombe and Jean Rudge from Deddington. They have all won a pair of tickets to the Battle Proms at Blenheim Palace on 12 July.

Gillian Taylor-Allen from Banbury; Michelle Bridges from Bicester and Ruth Edy from Ducklington have all won a copy of *Hilda of Whitby* by Ray Simpson.

Barbara retires

RECEPTIONIST Barbara Bolder retired in June after more than 30 years of service at Diocesan Church House in Oxford.

Many of you will have met Barbara in the front office if you have visited Church House. We wish her well in her retirement.

God in the Life Of...

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"Christopher sees everything like a theatrical performance. It has to be polished from start to finish with the blessing being like the final curtain in a show. People expect that from a cathedral service," says Matt.

Back in 1998, Matt's interest in art history came in useful when he found forgotten fragments of stained glass and began to piece them together. They turned out to be a window depicting a story from scripture that had been destroyed in the Reformation.

"The windows were put in just before the Civil War by Van Linge in the 1630s. We have spent a long time piecing them together. It's like doing a jigsaw without the lid and without all of the pieces. It's like delving back into the history of the building," says Matt, who is proud that some of his prized 'jigsaw' has been displayed in the Tate.

He pointed to an ancient record book with an entry for 2 June 1651, asking for the picture to be taken down. "Later one of the Canons appointed by Cromwell was responsible for stomping up and down on it. This is real history, written down in our records, it's not assumed. I have been researching the poems that go with it. I was a bit like a hermit for a few years putting sky and limbs back together."

Matt lives in Christ Church but is far enough from the cathedral to have a sense of leaving for work in a morning and going home again.

Part of the stained glass window that Matt pieced together.

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MEETING the Queen last year has to date been the highlight of Matt Power's career. The Head Verger at Christ Church Cathedral told Jo Duckles his story.

Matt and I chatted in the sacristy (verger's office) tucked away at the back of the medieval building. As we talk clergy, volunteers and staff wander in and out, some with information, some with queries about the day to day life of Christ Church.

Matt, who has a love of art history and music, is clearly in the perfect job. "I was brought up in a typical parish church," he says. "It was a Wiltshire village where my father was the organist and also a local teacher. It was a small but lively parish and our family were pivotal in the church. I was in the choir, a server and when I was six or seven I remember holding the incense for the Bishop of Salisbury. This all happened by default, I grew up with it," says Matt.

"Music and art were very much part of my childhood and I ended up doing a fine art degree in London. All the time music and church architecture interested me."

"Music and art were very much part of my childhood..."

He tells an old joke about the question you ask a person with a degree in fine art: "Could I have a burger and fries please?"

"Most people with fine art degrees wonder what they are going to do afterwards. This job came at the right time. I wasn't sure what I would do. I wasn't interested in the new modern art movement that was going around in college. I took a gamble in applying for a job that would immerse me in my own interests. I thought it would give me the space to decide what I wanted to do," says Matt, who was 21 at the time and the youngest of a four-strong team. He is still there 19 years later, loving being at the heart of Cathedral life. One highlight that stands out was the Queen's visit for Maundy Thursday in 2013. It was Oxford's turn for the Queen to come along and hand out Maundy Money to selected pensioners in honour of their work for the Church.

Matt moves hundreds of chairs in preparation for the Queen's visit last year. ***Photo KT Bruce.***

"The event was so carefully put together with meetings and strategy documents so nothing could go wrong," says Matt, who loves the careful 'stage management' that ensures that all Christ Church services run smoothly. "At 5am I would have been cleaning the toilets, at 11am meeting the Queen and later in the evening washing altar linen. It's an incredibly varied job where one phone call can take you all day to sort out."

A combination of clever marketing and the Harry Potter connection (many scenes from Hogwarts were shot in Christ Church) mean that the cathedral and adjoining college has become a lot busier since Matt started to work there. "When I first started you could sit and read a book at times, it was calm. It's now on the map of Oxford as one of the places to visit and is open 365 days a year," says Matt, who worships in the cathedral but also takes time out to go to Evensong in the Merton College Chapel in term time.

At Cathedral services the vergers may not take centre stage but they have an important role. "I don't want to be in the limelight but I get a quiet sense of satisfaction from helping the service to enhance someone else's faith," says Matt. "I'll be sitting in the corner with a wry smile at the end of a service knowing that it's gone well."

On a typical day, a verger will start at the cathedral at 6.30am, ready for morning prayer at 7.15am and 7.35am. "It's the nicest time of the day. There's a sense of calm and there are some wonderful effects with the light coming through the building, it's magical."

"...I get a quiet sense of satisfaction from helping the service enhance someone else's faith."

Those early morning services attract between two and 12 people before 8am when the choristers from the cathedral school arrive for a practice. From 10am tourists begin to arrive and the calm turns into a busy chaos.

"You meet lots of different types of people. It's not like being in an office where you report to one person," says Matt. "You are mixing with the public and different types of cathedral staff and volunteers. We deal with a huge number of people throughout the day and each of us has our own responsibilities for preparation of services," says Matt, who sees ironing the altar linen as a welcome retreat from the crowds. "Ironing time is thinking time and it's important to take pride in what you do."

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"I like to think of this as the equivalent of preparing for your great aunt who is coming around for tea. There's a reason for doing it and showing that you have made an effort."

The verger's role includes concert management and the newest member of Matt's team is Christopher Waterhouse, who used to work as the stage manager of the Sydney Opera House.

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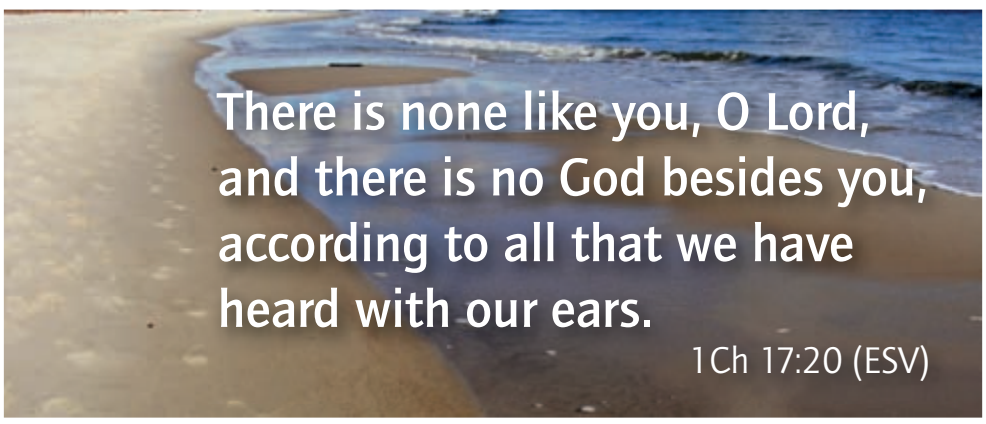

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July/August prayer diary

The following is for guidance only, please feel free to adapt to local conditions and, if you wish, produce your own deanery prayer diaries.

Our purpose is to create a caring, sustainable and growing Christian presence in every part of the Diocese of Oxford.

'For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.' Luke 11:10

JULY

Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:

TUESDAY 1 Wallingford Deanery. Jason St John Nicolle, Gordon Gill, Mrs Saunders and Mark Bayliss. Pray that we embrace the challenges and opportunities created by the extensive new housing developments within the deanery.

WEDNESDAY 2 Cholsey and Moulsford. Andrew Petit, Val Gibbons and Derreck Lee-Philpot. For wisdom and discernment in Cholsey as we seek to develop our children's and young people's ministry and in Moulsford for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we might find the best ways to encourage church growth and develop the young people we have.

THURSDAY 3 St Thomas the Apostle. The Churn. Jason St John Nicolle, John Clarke, Jen Brown and Louise Butler. Please pray for our new associate priest, John Clarke, that God will bless his ministry among us richly and for our new mission initiative – Jen Brown starting as as our Science Missioner - Please pray for doors to be opened and new relationships to be built. Blewbury Endowed (VC) School and Hagbourne (VC) School.

FRIDAY 4 Didcot All Saints. Karen Beck, Hugh Boorman, and Nick Hands. For understanding and openness by all involved as the Ladygrove Church plans their response to the 2,000 home North East Didcot Development and for discernment and generosity as All Saints' Church responds to the vision to be Open to God, Open to Everyone and Open to Change. Didcot All Saints (VA) School.

SATURDAY 5 Didcot St Peter. Hannah Reynolds, Fran Childs and Jenny Loder. Please pray for the Wednesday Church for those with learning disabilities and Wednesday Fellowship for the elderly and housebound. Northbourne VA School and Willowcroft and St Birinus County School. Please pray for the ordination of Deacons in Christ Church Cathedral today.

MONDAY 7 Harwell with Chilton. Jonathan Mobey, Pam Rolls and Peter Barton. For our new Children and Families' Worker, Peter Shields, and for his family, that they may settle in quickly and that the gospel ministry amongst children and families under Peter's leadership would be fruitful; for Jan Radford and her husband Tom, as Jan starts her curacy at Harwell and Chilton, alongside her chaplaincy work at the Oxford hospitals and for a deepening of our love for and commitment to our Lord as we learn together to be His followers.

TUESDAY 8 Wallingford Team Ministry. David Rice, Jeremy Goulston, Jim Spence and Mark Bodeker. For the Benefice as it prepares for and responds to large new housing developments and for continued links with our five schools particularly Crowmarsh Gifford (VC) School, St James School Sotwell, Brightwell Cum Sotwell (VC) School and St Nicholas Wallingford (VC) School.

WEDNESDAY 9 Wendover Deanery. Mark Dearnley, Gavin Oldham, Gary Beynon, Allan Whittow, Norman Dick, Kevan Royle. For the variety of new initiatives to update and enhance many of the churches in the deanery to our ongoing work to establish a Deanery MAP to run alongside parish MAPS; for new curates ordained deacon in June and starting ministries here, and their training incumbents. That our initiatives to nurture our congregations and reach out to our communities will be successful. And please pray for wisdom as we continue to work out the challenges presented by the proposal of HS2, which, if it goes ahead, will rattle right through the middle of this deanery.

THURSDAY 10 Aston Clinton with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp. Elizabeth Moxley. For the process of welcoming our new curate, Sally Bottomer, as we begin our shared ministry with her and her family. Also as we commemorate the Great War in our Flower Festival and Fete at St Michael and All Angels, Aston Clinton, on 12th - 14th July.

Yellow Braces Camp takes place from 11 - 13 July

FRIDAY 11 Ellesborough, The Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville. Jan Henderson and Margaret Dixon. For the plans to re-order St Nicholas' Church, Great Kimble and for all those in the Benefice who work with the young families and their children as they encourage them on their journey of faith. Please pray for General Synod. For Ian Macdonald Diocesan Youth Officer as he presides over the Oxford Diocesan Youth Yellow Braces Camp. Great Kimble (VC) School.

SATURDAY 12 Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden. Rosie Harper, Carolyn Bailey, Patricia Neil, Helen Bickerstaff and Lizzie Willliams. Great Missenden Academy. General Synod. For the Yellow Braces Camp organised by our youth department, pray for fun, safety and good relationships, for young people to be blessed in being part of Christian community and worship and for young people to see the adventure and challenge of following Jesus.

MONDAY 14 *General Synod.* **Hawridge with Cholsebury and St Leonards**. David Burgess and Pippa Soundy. Hawridge and Cholesbury (VA) School.

TUESDAY 15 Little Missenden. John Simpson and Gary Beynon. For the developing work of the CHRISTopher Project (restoration, reordering, outreach of the church) and for the ministry team including the Churchwardens, PCC and intercessors. Little Missenden (VA) School. Board of Education Meeting. Anne Davey, Director of Education.

WEDNESDAY 16 Prestwood and Great Hampden. Deiniol Kearley-Heywood, Teresia Derlen and Anton Machacek. For Prestwood's building project to make the church a fit place for the community and the church; for the people, the resources and the blessing needed to fulfil our mission and for Great Hampden's weddings ministry, for all those who support it and the twenty couples being married this year.

THURSDAY 17 The Lee. David Burgess and Pippa Soundy. Lee Common (VC) School.

FRIDAY 18 *Bishop's Council / Standing Committee of ODBF Away Day.* **Wendover and Halton.** Mark Dearnley, Michael Hunt, Beryl Pearn, Ruth Dearnley, Joe Groat, Glenys Newman and Rupert Johnson. Wendover (VC) School.

SATURDAY 19 Weston Turville. David Wales, Susan Fellows and David Blackmore. For all members of the PCC and congregation as we seek to serve The Lord in his mission here. For our SWIFT Project to improve facilities in and around the church. Weston Turville (VA) School.

MONDAY 21 Witney Deanery. Toby Wright, Mandy Studley, Sue Campbell, Sally Wright, Jeff Hill and Miri Keen. For the new members of Chapter within the deanery and for the establishing of their ministries both lay and ordained and their focus on: Mission; Schools; Men's Ministry and Linking Faith and Work. Diocesan Advisory Committee.

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TUESDAY 22 *Festival of Mary Magalene*. **Bampton with Clanfield.** David Lloyd, Celia Humphreys, Dennis Piper and Arthur Pont. For the continuing development of Messy Church in Bampton and pray for renewed vision for the Church's ministry in Clanfield and Aston, giving thanks for faithful congregations there. Aston and Cote (VC) School, Bampton (VC) School and Clanfield (VC) School.

WEDNESDAY 23 Brize Norton and Carterton Team Ministry. Bill Blakey and James Maddern. For Bill Blakey as he recovers from serious illness and for the lay ministry team as they cope with his absence and for St John's Carterton celebrating its 50th birthday giving thanks for the development of the church over that time in a community which is always changing. Carterton St John's (VA) School.

THURSDAY 24 Burford with Fulbrook and Taynton, Asthall with Swinbrook and Widford. Richard Coombs, Cedric Reavley, John Leach and Jonathan Hunter Dunn. For our outreach to our town and villages and especially for our current Alpha Course and for our building project to redevelop our church hall, The Warwick Hall, as a church and community centre, for another £350,000 to be raised to reach our target of £3.4M.

FRIDAY 25 St James. Cogges and South Leigh. Simon Kirby, Miri Keen, Nick Pike, Iris Adams and Betty Harvey. For Cogges that we would continue to develop structures and spaces to help us effectively manage the growth that we are currently seeing and that the Summer Sundays' programme of creative Services would encourage all of our Church family. For South Leigh for the launch of the Friends of St James programme at the Summer Fayre and that we would be able to develop realistic and creative plans for the development of the Church building. Witney The Blake (VA) School.

SATURDAY 26 Ducklington with Hardwick. David Adams and Ruth Edy. Ducklington (VC) School.

MONDAY 28 Lower Windrush. Andrew Tweedy, Billie Tweedy and Alison Shaw. Please pray for vision as the new Rector and lay leaders seek to build on the good relationship between the churches and other village organisations. For the new Taizé and Informal Evening services to reach new people across the benefice; for a growth in bible study and prayer groups in the benefice; for unity and collaboration within the benefice and with other parishes in the Deanery and for our two Church schools, Stanton Harcourt and Standlake, as they adjust to being part of a new Academy, and in Standlake a change of Headteacher.

TUESDAY 29 Minster Lovell. Paula Clifford. Please give thanks for the hard work of the wardens, PCC and visiting clergy during the recent vacancy and for future outreach to residents and tourists. St Kenelm (VC) School.

WEDNESDAY 30 North Leigh. Simon Kirby, Miri Keen, Nick Pike and Betty Harvey. For the Parish as they seek to recruit a new house for duty priest. Pray that, during the vacancy, the mission and ministry of the Church would continue to grow and develop and particularly for the Wardens as they help to steer the Church through this season. North Leigh (VC) School.

THURSDAY 31 Shill Valley and Broadshire. Harry MacInnes and David Spence. For a deepening love for Christ and a growing vision, amongst all 12 churches. To seek after God's kingdom giving thanks for the fresh expression church '@4' in Bradwell Village hall, praying that it would continue to flourish and grow in drawing in young families. Give the progress on reordering St Peter's Alvescot and for the next stage. Pray for Cotswold Nursing Home and our ministry there. St Peter's (VA) School Alvescot and St Christopher's (VA) School Langford.

AUGUST

Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:

FRIDAY 1 Witney Team Ministry. Toby Wright, Neil Traynor, Joanna Collicutt McGrath, Sally Wright, Alastair Blaine, Jeff Hill, David Exham, Rosemary Peirce, Sally Down and David Claremount. For Neil Traynor, and Joy Hance, and their families and friends as they settle into the team and their new ministries here. For the work on renewing our buildings as places of hospitable Christianity where we welcome people to meet, encounter, renew and refresh; that the living stones may be built up and the Kingdom grow. Hailey (VC) School. St Mary's Witney (VC) School. The Batt Witney (VC)School.

SATURDAY 2 Sonning Deanery. Julie Ramsbottom, Martin Hughes, Bridget Crossley, Reg Morton, Michael Johnson, Tim Novis and Bob Simmonds. Pray that the deanery might grow in unity and celebrate the signs of growth springing up in all the parishes. That the work of Stagefright (our deanery Fresh Expressions theatre post) will continue to thrive.

MONDAY 4 Arborfield with Barkham. Lisa Cornwell, David Ramsbottom, Gillian Gyenes and Lewis Simmons. For our annual Holiday Bible Club and the opportunities to make known the Good News of Jesus. Pray that many local children who attended will now be receptive to the gospel. Please give thanks for the willing team of leaders from the churches for the way God equipped them and the joy as they served.

TUESDAY 5 Crowthorne. Lisa Cornwell and David Ramsbottom, Gillian Gyenes, Hazel Berry and Lewis Summons. Thanks for the Community Flower Festival which took place in July and for new contacts made through the festival; for the ecumenical summer activities for the young people of Crowthorne. Crowthorne (VC) School. The White House School, Wokingham Conventional District.

WEDNESDAY 6 Finchampstead and California. Julie Ramsbottom, Mark-Aaron Tisdale, John Edwards and Brynn Bayman. For Hannah Brooks as she joins our ministry team as our new Curate and for our search for a shared Youth and Families Worker to begin ministry in the Autumn.

THURSDAY 7 Owlsmoor. Roy Burgess and Lawrence Dack.

FRIDAY 8 Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst (including the Twyford Area L.E.P.) Simon Howard, Geoff Pugh, Anna Harwood, Graham Theobald, Paul Minton, Gordon Connell (URC minister) Alan Gwynn (Benefice operations manager), Conner Heath, Caroline White. For a deepening of our individual and corporate prayer life and our weekly worship, for the wisdom, energy and time to respond to all the opportunities we have to be involved in and witness to our local communities. The continued development of Messy Church and the Youth Club in Hurst, and the Family Service and the Youth Discipleship Group in Twyford, and the 'Additional Aisle' building project at St James. St Nicholas Hurst, Polehampton Infants and Polehampton Junior (VC) Schools.

SATURDAY 9 Sandhurst. John Castle. For the consultation with 30/40 year olds about how the church can support them in their personal spiritual journey and their family life also as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit about how to use a plot of land belonging to the church to help house a curate or other church workers. St Michael's (VA) School.

MONDAY 11 Sonning. Jamie Taylor, Alison Walters and Bob Peters. For our new hall project to accommodate our growing work with children and our Pioneer Ministry under the leadership of Alison Waters. Sonning (VA) School.

TUESDAY 12 Wargrave with Knowl Hill. John Cook and Jon Drake. For ongoing evangelism, and our discussions

Our Bishops on Sundays

JULY

SUNDAY 6 Bishop John confirming at St Clements Oxford.

SUNDAY 13 Bishop Alan confirming at Buckingham. General Synod. Yellow Braces Camp.

SUNDAY 20 Bishop Alan confirming at Milton Keynes.

SUNDAY 27 Please pray for our Archdeacons Karen Gorham, Olivia Graham, Martin Gorick and Judy French.

AUGUST

SUNDAY 3 Please pray for our Communications Department - Sarah Meyrick, Debbie Dallimore, Jo Duckles and Phil Hind. That the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire them in the creative work of providing resources to help us in God's mission. Pray for the Editorial Support Group for *the Door,* chaired by Graham Sykes.

SUNDAY 10 Please pray for the Diocesan Advisory committee and the staff who serve them. Natalie Merry and Sophie Hammond as they manage the applications for faculties and the

with English Heritage re St Mary's Wargrave's extension. For Hilary Winter retiring head of The Piggott Academy and all her work. For wisdom and clarity as we explore changes to St Peter's Church building to ensure more flexible space for ministry in its variety and for head and staff of Knowl Hill (VC) School, Crazies Hill (VC) School, Robert Piggott (VC) Schools (Infants and Junior) and The Piggott Academy.

WEDNESDAY 13 Winnersh. Sam Denyer and Patricia Smith. For the people of St Mary the Virgin Winnersh, as they prepare for their 50th anniversary celebrations next year and for the people of St Catherine Bearwood in the development of their ministry to marriage couples. The Coombes (VC) School.

THURDAY 14 Wokingham. David Hodgson, Helen Charlton, Colin James and Michael Johnson. For Anna Harwood, our new curate, as she begins her ministry with us and for the successful introduction of our mission action plan. All Saints (VA) Primary School.

FRIDAY 15 *The Blessed Virgin Mary.* **Wokingham St Paul including Woosehill Conventional District**. Richard Lamey, Patrick King, Debbie Davison and Elaine Steer. For the Church of St Paul's as it marks its 150th Anniversary and for the three Churches in this new Parish as we work out together what God is calling us to as Churches and as a Parish.

SATURDAY 16 Wokingham St Sebastian. Andrew Marsden, Ian Seymour, David Mcleod, Russell Shipton, Jill Bright, Ann Potts and Sally Alexander. Please pray that our Mission Action Planning process will help us develop further the outward-looking focus of the church and for God's blessing on the work of our new Family and Youth Pastor and on our plans to employ a part-time youth worker. St Sebastian (VC) School Wokingham.

MONDAY 18 Vale of White Horse Deanery. Charles Draper, Jeremy Twynam, Edward Lehmann and Penny Hockley. For the deanery as we implement our MAP looking at creative ways to develop SSM and LLM ministry. Please pray for the lay ministry teams across the deanery and give thanks for our well trained church wardens.

TUESDAY 19 Cherbury with Gainfield. Richard Waterhouse. For the Benefice during the vacancy which started in July and as they begin the work of discernment in seeking a new priest. For Neal Phair as he moves to another phase of ministry and for those clergy who will be helping out during the vacancy.

WEDNESDAY 20 Great Faringdon with Little Coxwell. Charles Draper, Helen Wilson and Graham Scott-Brown. For Anna Harwood as she begins her ministry with us and for the successful introduction of our mission action plan.

THURSDAY 21 Great Coxwell with Buscot, Coleshill and Eaton Hastings. David Williams. For the work of the Bowood School in Coleshill, and for ministry in the parishes amongst children and young people and for the farmers, and for the developing connection of agriculture with the worshipping life of the churches.

FRIDAY 22 Shrivenham with Ashbury. Richard Hancock and Rodney Elton. For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Benefice and the continuing work of developing mission and ministry to young families. Ashbury (VA) School, Shrivenham (VC) School and Longcot and Fernham (VC) School.

SATURDAY 23 Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford. Paul Eddy, and Angela Gosden. For the rolling out of the newly commissioned Mission Action Plan and the development of the new Ministry/Preaching Team. Stanford in the Vale (VC) School.

MONDAY 25 *Bank Holiday.* **Uffington, Shellingford, Woolstone and Baulking.** Rosanna Martin, Beryl Packer and Sue Saunders. For the breadth and depth of the Christian ministry and witness in this Benefice and ask God's blessing on all who live and work here. For God's guidance and blessing for Rosanna and family as she moves in September after 10 years as Priest in Charge and please pray for discernment for those who will be appointing her successor. Uffington (VC) School and Shellingford (VA) School.

TUESDAY 26 Newport Deanery. Richard Caddell, Rod Cannon, Janet Gamlen, Geoff Morris and Warwick Clarke. The closer sharing of mission across the deanery; for those witnessing for Christ in their places of work and study; for the preparations being made for two upcoming vacancies in such a small deanery. For the newly united Benefice of Lavendon and Cold Brayfield.

WEDNESDAY 27 Gate. Christa Pumfrey and Janet Lawrence. The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the appointment of a House for Duty priest for the Gate Group and Lavendon Benefice and for the training and encouraging of more people from the congregation to take and contribute to services. Stoke Goldington (VC) School.

THURSDAY 28 Hanslope and Castlethorpe. Gary Ecclestone. For the teenagers who went on the annual Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage in early August that they may grow in faith and witness and for the redevelopment plans for St James at Hanslope to enable the building to serve the growing community more effectively.

FRIDAY 29 Lamp. Richard Caddell, Joe Geary, Wendy Reidel and Priscilla Parry. For the new coffee morning for Haversham . For renewed vision for the benefice on the Rector's return from sabbatical.

SATURDAY 30 Lavendon with Cold Brayfield, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville. Christa Pumfrey and Janet Lawrence. Please pray as these two parishes are united. Newton Blossomville (VC) School.

Coming and Goings

The Revd Cassa Messervy will take up post as Priest in Charge at Seer Green and Jordans; **The Revd Matthew Cookson** will take up post as Associate Minister at Walbury Beacon; **The Revd Verena Breed** will take up post as Team Rector of Bicester with Bucknell, Caversfield and Launton; **The Revd Geoff Price** will take up post as House for Duty Team Vicar at Cherwell Valley; **The Revd Peter Dockree** will be leaving the diocese and taking up a post in the Diocese of Winchester; **The Revd David Gifford** will be leaving his post in Benson to take up post in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; **The Revd SokHan Yong** will take up post as Associate Priest at Abingdon; **The Revd Susan van Beveren** will take up post as Chaplain for Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Trust. The following have been given Permission to Officate: **The Revd Andrew Symes; The Revd Paul McLauren-Cook; The Revd Antonia Cretney.** We recall with sadness the deaths of: **The Revd Michael Peel and The Revd Frederick Friend.**

processes that follow.

SUNDAY 17 Please pray for the faithful team who run administration, HR and the Diocesan Registry.

SUNDAY 24 Please pray for the planning team for the Grand Day Out in Oxford on 20 September 2014.

SUNDAY 31 Please pray for people as they return from holidays and prepare for return to work and school. Pray for Christian teachers across the diocese and our church schools. Please pray for those preparing for Bishop John's Thames Path Pilgrimage and the inauguration of the Thames Pilgrim Way.

Services at Christ Church Cathedral

SUNDAYS: 8am Holy Communion; 10am Matins (coffee in Priory Room); 11.15am Sung Eucharist; 6pm Evensong.

WEEKDAYS: 7.15am Morning Prayer; 7.35am Holy Communion; 1pm (Wednesday only) Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong (Thursday Sung Eucharist 6pm).

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TUESDAY 1 JULY

Oxford: The Council for Christians and Jews Summer Soirée takes place at the Eighth House, Vernon Avenue, OX2 9AU at 7.30pm. Preceded by a short AGM at 7pm. All welcome. Email coppenheimer@btinternet.com for details.

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY

Aldworth: Afternoon teas will be served every Wednesday from today until 27 August at St Mary's Church RG8 9SB from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. This village church is home to the 14th Century effigies known as The Aldworth Giants. Details 01635 578936.

FRIDAY 4 JULY

South Leigh: Music festival at St James' the Great Church begins at 8pm today with Vivaldi's Gloria and a selection of summer music. Tickets £9 (£7 concessions). Also Flamenco music on 5 July at 8pm and festival evensong on 6 July at 6pm. Phone 01993 705833 for further details.

SATURDAY 5 JULY

High Wycombe: Arts and Spirituality Flower Festival at All Saints Church begins today until 7 July. See www.allsaintshighwycombe.org

Marsh Bladon: 'Musical Banquet' - a gala concert in aid of the church restoration will begin at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church. £10 (£8 concessions, £5 under 16s). Email adrian.boorman@zen.co.uk for details.

SUNDAY 6 JULY

Penn: Annual pet service will take place at Holy Trinity Church at 3pm. Tel: 01494 813254 for details.

Oxford: There will be a farewell service for the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Revd Christopher Lewis. Service begins at 11.15am. Email cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk for details.

Bicester: Free St Edburg's Foundation cycle ride starting and ending at St Edburg's Church. Eighty mile circular ride or short family friendly rides. 9am - 5pm.

Vigils are being held on 4 August in commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War (see below).

See www.stedburgsfoundation.co.uk for details.

THURSDAY 10 JULY

Oxford: The Retired Clergy Association annual outing at 2pm. A horse drawn boat trip on the Kennet and Avon canal. Phone 01235 529084 for details.

SUNDAY 13 JULY

Sparsholt: The Church of the Holy Rood are holding a Recital and Choral Evensong followed by tea. Recital 4pm; Choral Evensong 6pm.

THURSDAY 17 JULY

Amersham: The 35th Millennium Lecture at St Michael and All Angels HP6 5DR at 8pm. 'Prison - a place of last resort?' by Juliet Lyon CBE. Phone 01494 726680 for details.

SATURDAY 19 JULY

Tilehurst: St Mary Magdalen Patronal Festival at 7.30pm. Preacher: The Archdeacon of Berkshire, The Ven Olivia Graham.

TUESDAY 22 JULY

Tilehurst: Mothers' Union garden party in aid of the MU *Wheels Appeal* at 10.30am in The Rectory Gardens, Routh Lane RG30 4JY. Phone 0118 9954 8204 or email susanbakerwork@yahoo.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

Turville: Hambleden Valley, near Henley. Healing service with laying on of hands and anointing at Holy Communion at 10.15am. Details 01491 571231.

SATURDAY 26 JULY

Aston Abbots: Festival/Flower display in the parish church from 2pm - 5pm today and tomorrow with Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday 27 July.

High Wycombe: St James Church, Downley Flower festival at 2pm. Theme: St James and other Disciples. Phone 01494 524213.

Buckland: Organ recital by Dr David Maw at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Phone 01367 870524.

MONDAY 4 AUGUST

Dunsden Green: *Light into Darkness, Darkness Illuminated.* Vigil concert at All Saints Church RG4 9PH at 9.30pm in commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War. Email jwbodman@aol.com

Oxford: Christ Church Cathedral are holding a Vigil of music, readings and prayers in commemoration of the First World War from 8pm - 9pm. See www.chch.ox.ac.uk for details.

Stoke Poges: Candlelit Vigil and Compline to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War at St Giles Church at 10pm.

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

Freeland: Drop-in Quiet Day at the Old Parsonage from 10am - 4pm. No booking needed. Bring your own food.

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

Turville: Hambleden Valley, near Henley. Healing service with laying on of hands and anointing at Holy Communion at 10.15am. Details 01491 571231.

Courses and Special Events

LIVING IN THE END TIMES: Friday 4 July - Part of the Learning, Training, Ministerial Development programme. A training day (primarily for incumbents) on helping people to live well at the end of life and to prepare for death. 10.30am - 4.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Bicester. Cost £10. Email sheila.townsend@oxford.anglican.org for details.

MAKING GOOD PREACHING BETTER: Saturday 5 July - This course is designed for those with some prior experience of preaching to help them sharpen skills, develop fresh ideas and reflect creatively on their preaching. 10am - 4pm at All Saints Church Hall, Marlow. Cost £20 (bring a packed lunch). Phone 01865 208257 or go to www.ldm.eventbrite.co.uk to book your place.

FESTIVAL OF PRAYER: Saturday 12 July - A day to explore different aspect of spirituality and prayer at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Phone 01844 277912 or go to www.brfonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer for details.

MODERN CHURCH'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Monday 14 July - Thursday 17 July. A Liberating Spirit? Exploring Spirituality for the 21st Century chaired by Canon Prof Martyn Percy. See www.modernchurch.org.uk/conference for details.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: Tuesday 15 July. An exploration of the relationship between spiritual and pastoral care and counselling and psychotherapy. For Chaplains, counsellors and psychotherapists, faith leaders, health and social care professionals and others who are interested in this. Will take place at Littlemore Mental Health Unit, Oxford. Closing date for bookings is 26 June. Email guy.harrison@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk for details.